SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

Subject No. 229 was introduced by Mr. Devappa and Mr. Ramachandra Rao of Shikarpur Taluk.

No. 230 by Mr. Nadig Sivappa of Sorab Taluk.

Nos. 231 & 232 by Mr. Nadig Gopalappa and Mr. Narasingappa of Honnali Taluk.

No. 233 by Mr. Devappa of Shikarpur Taluk.

Nos. 234&235 by Mr. Javali Rama Rao of Tirthahalli Taluk.

No. 236 by Mr. Sivappa Dikshita, Mr. Ranganna and Mr. Ramachandra Row of Shikarpur Taluk.

Nos. 237 & 238 by Mr. Nadig Sivappa of Sorab Taluk.

No. 239 by Mr. Venkatappa of Shimoga Taluk and Mr. Harakere Ramanna of Nagar Sabha.

Nos. 240 to 242 by Mr. Nadig Gopalappa and Mr. Narasingappa of Honnali Taluk.

No. 241 by Mr. Devappa of Shikarpur Taluk.

No. 243 by Mr. Hiranyappa of Shimoga Taluk and Mr. Sanna Subba Row of Shimoga District Fund Board.

No. 244 by Mr. T. Venkatappa of Shimoga Taluk.

No. 245 by Mr. Nadig Sivappa of Sorab Taluk.

Nos. 246 & 247 by Mr. Sanna Subba Row of Shimoga District Fund Board.

Subject No 229
Reduction of assessment on areca gardens.

Summary of discussion.—The rate of assessment on areca gardens has been reduced in the Malnad Taluks. In 2 or 3 maganis however of the Shikarpur Taluk which formerly formed part of the Anantapur Taluk the rate remains unaltered. It is requested that it may also be reduced.

Reply of Government.—This matter will be enquired into by the Survey Superintendent.

Subject No 230
Remission of kandayam on lands submerged by river floods.

Summary of discussion.—The crops raised on many wet lands in the maganis of Chandragutti, Tavanandi Sorab, &c., were destroyed by river floods. No remission was granted by the jamabandi officer. Many raiyats unable to pay kandayam had to alienate their lands. Extension of time asked for was not granted. The remission of the kandayam of last year is now prayed for.

Reply of Government.—A special report on this subject will be called for.

Subject No 231
Supply of firewood to raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—In the Taluk of Honnali which is wholly maidan with very little jungle, the constitution of reserved forests by Government and the increased demand for fuel by the Gold Mining Company and fuel traders, have deprived raiyats and other villagers of the means of obtaining a supply of firewood and agricultural implements. It is therefore requested that facilities may be afforded for obtaining implements, and that firewood may be given to raiyats at lower rates of seigniorage, and to others only after the wants of raiyats have been supplied. For each Holavu bandy load, the rate may be fixed at 4 annas, instead of 2 annas per cart drawn by a pair of bullocks.

Reply of Government.—The seigniorage cannot be reduced. There is enough of wood to meet the requirements of raiyats. The prices will, if possible, be regulated by cubical contents. A report on the subject will be called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 232
Issue of licenses by local officers for timber to raiyats who have no jungles allotted in their taluks.

Summary of discussion.—As there are no jungles in the Honnali Taluk, the raiyats of that taluk are at present obliged to go to other taluks to bring wood, &c., for their requirements under the Raiyats' Privileges Rules. They have to apply first to the Amildar of the Honnali Taluk who grants a certificate after making necessary enquiries. Then they have to go either to the Amildar of Shimoga or to the Deputy Amildar of Kumsi where there are jungles, pay money and obtain licenses. Sometimes the Amildar of Shimoga and the Deputy Amildar of Kumsi decline to grant such licenses. To obviate all this delay and difficulty, an assignment of jungles for the use of the raiyats of the Honnali Taluk may be made from those of the neighbouring Taluk of Shimoga and Sub-Taluk of Kumsi and licenses given after crediting the money in the Honnali Taluk Treasury, copies of such licenses being sent to Shimoga and Kumsi for reference.

Reply of Government.—The wants of the taluk containing jungles are entitled to the first consideration. If there is a surplus left after meeting local requirements, other people can have it. The Deputy Commissioner and the Forest Department will investigate the question. Applications to two Amildars do not seem necessary.

Subject No. 233
Uniform rate for Hebbidaru.

Summary of discussion.—The prices charged for Hebbiduru (thick bamboos) in the Shikarpur Taluk are very high, being Rs. 13 per 100 purchased in Depôts and 6 per 100 removed under a license from forests. Hebbidaru available in this taluk is inferior to that found in Lakkavalli and other parts. The license fee charged in the Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks is only Rs. 2-2-0. It is requested that a uniform rate may be imposed.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report through the Conservator.

Subject No. 234
Free grant of timber to raiyats for building houses in Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—The cost of carriage and the peculiarity oi climatic conditions render it necessary that special concessions should be shown to Malnad raiyats in the matter of timber for building purposes. Permission may therefore be given to such raiyats to fell free of charge all timber of both the reserved and unreserved kinds except teak and a few other superior descriptions of wood. This may at least be allowed until the villagers can grow trees in their soppinbettas and get their own supply.

Reply of Government.—The present rules are sufficiently liberal and need no modification.